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REMARKS**I. General.**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Advisory Action of November 27, 2006 wherein the Examiner requested that Applicant provide supporting evidence regarding the "slots" and U.S. Patent No. 3,438,416 Thurston (hereinafter referred to as "Thurston").

In response, Applicant respectfully submits that the "cut away area" of Thurston is not a "slot." A "slot" is equivalent to a groove while a "cut away" is something that has been "removed by cutting off or away." See The Free Dictionary By Farlex, available at <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/cut+away>; see also WordWeb Online, available at <http://wordwebonline.com/en/CUTAWAY>, copies of which are attached hereto as Group Exhibit A. As further support for this proposition, Applicant directs the Examiner to U.S. Patent No. 5,392,680, wherein line 12 of the Abstract references "a slot or groove." As further support, Applicant directs the Examiner to U.S. Patent No. 4,409,689, wherein line 9 of the Abstract references "a slot or groove." Additionally, Applicant directs the Examiner to U.S. Patent No. 157,913, which also refers to a "slot or groove." See Col. 2, ll. 3-4. Finally, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary which provides that a slot is: "a narrow opening or groove". See Mish, F.C. et al (2002). Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary (10th ed.) at 1102, a copy of which is attached hereto as Group Exhibit B.

II. Conclusion.

Applicant submits that the subject matter of the present application is novel, non-obvious, and useful, and, therefore, respectfully requests prompt consideration and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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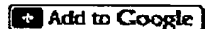
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Noun: cutaway 'kút u'wey

1. A representation (drawing or model) of something in which the outside is omitted to reveal the inner parts
- cutaway drawing, cutaway model
2. A man's coat cut diagonally from the waist to the back of the knees

Verb: cut away kút u'wey

1. Move quickly to another scene or focus when filming
"cut away now!" the director shouted"
2. Remove by cutting off or away
"cut away the branch that sticks out"

Type of: coat, cut, representation

Encyclopedia: Cutaway

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Verb 1. **cut away** - move quickly to another scene or focus when filming; "cut away now!" the director shouted"

[cut - make an abrupt change of image or sound; "cut from one scene to another"

2. **cut away** - remove by cutting off or away; "cut away the branch that sticks out"

[cut - separate with or as if with an instrument; "Cut the rope"

[undercut - cut away the underpart of; "undercut a vein of ore"

[undercut - cut away material from the underside of (an object) so as to leave an overhanging portion in relief

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The blacksmith took my feet in his hand, one after the other, and **cut away** some of the hoof.*Black Beauty* by Sewall, Anna [View in context](#)When this work was accomplished, the miners resumed their picks and **cut away** the rock from underneath the wheel itself, taking care to support it as they advanced upon blocks of great thickness.*From The Earth To The Moon* by Verne, Jules [View in context](#)He looked like a man **cut away** from the stake, when the fire has overrunningly wasted all the limbs without consuming them, or taking away one particle from their compacted aged

robustness.

Moby Dick I-LXVII by *Melville, Herman* [View in context](#)[More results >>](#)

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EXHIBIT B



Merriam-Webster's Collegiate[®] Dictionary

TENTH EDITION

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1102 slip o sloth

piece of paper 3; a young and slender person (as ~ of a girl) 4; a long coat or narrow cape
slip v *v*: slip-slip (1530): to take cuttings from (a plant); divide into slips (~ a geranium)
slip n [ME *slyp*, sllme, flr OE *slype* slime, paste; akin to OE *slypan* to slip — more at SLAVE] (1640): a mixture of finely divided clay and water used by potters (as for casting or decorating wares or in cementing separately formed parts)
slip-coat n [*Vall-*-co-*n*] (ca. 1925): a protective container for books or magazines that has one open end — *slip-covered -v-kst-d ad*
slip-cover *'Vall-*k-vor' n (1886): a cover that may be slipped off and on; *specy:* a removable covering for an article of furniture
slip-form (*'Vall'*-form) v f (1962): to construct with the use of a slip form
slip form (*'Vall'*) n (1949): a form that is moved slowly as concrete is placed during construction (of a building or pavement)
slip-hoop *'Val'-hoop* n (1699): a hook that slips along the rope or line around which it is made; esp.: one used in tying an overhead knot around the standing part of a rope — see KNOT illustration
slip-moss n (1847): a mosses with a slippery
slip-on *'Vall'-on*, -im' n (1815): an article of clothing that is easily slipped on or off; as: a glove or shoe without fastenings; b: a garment (as a girdle) that one steps into and pulls up c: PULLOVER
slip-off *'Val'-off* n (1917): a garment or cover that slips on and off easily; *specy:* a pullover sweater
slip-page ('slip-'n) n (1830) 1: an act, instance, or process of slipping 2: a loss in transmission of power; also: the difference between theoretical and actual output (as of power)
slipped disk n (1942): a protrusion of one of the cartilages disks between vertebrae with pressure on spinal nerves resulting in low back pain.
slipper *'Vall-por* adj [MBE fr. OE *slypor*; akin to MLG *slipper* slippy, *slippen* to slip] (bef. 12c) chiefly dial.; ALTERNATIVE
slipper n [MBS fr.-slipper to slip] (15c): a light low-cut shoe that is easily slipped on the foot — *slippier-ged -por'd ad*
slippery ('val-pe-rej ad *'Vall-per-d-cr*; cost {later, of MBE *slipper*) (ca. 13c) 1: causing or tending to cause something to slide or fall (~ roads). 2: ready in the grasp. 3: not firmly fixed : UNSTABLE. 3: got to be trusted : TRICKY.
slippery elm n (1748): a large-leaved elm (*Olinus rubra* syn. U. fulva) of eastern N. America that has hard wood and fragrant mucilaginous inner bark; also: the bark
slippy ('val-pe-) adj *'Vall-slpp-* cryt (est. 1348): ALTERNATIVE
slip ring n ('slip) (1898): one of two or more continuous conducting rings through which brushes take or to which they deliver current in a generator or motor
slip-sheet ('Vall-shet' w ca. 1909): to insert slip sheets between (newly printed sheets)
slip sheet n ('slip) (1903): a sheet of paper placed between newly printed sheets to prevent offsetting
slipped ('Vall-prevd ad ('slip) (1580) 1 s: wearing loose shoes or sandals. 2: falling down. 3: being careless, slovenly
slipshod ('Vall-n) [Irishpl. of *slap*] (1675): unwashed footwear : SLOTH : ARCHAIC: shallow talk or writing — *slip-slap ad*
slipsole ('val-soel' n (ca. 1908) 1: a thin insole 2: a half sole inserted between the insole and welt and the outsole of a shoe to give additional height — called also *slit top*
slip stitch n (ca. 1832) 1: a concealed stitch for sewing folded edges (as lapels) 2: a running needle and thread taken in on a loose gathered edge or a thread or two from the body of the article 3: unwefted stitch; esp.: a knitting stitch that is shifted from one needle to another without knitting it
slip-stream ('Vall-strum') n (1913) 1: a stream of fluid (as air or water) driven all by a propeller. 2: an area of reduced air pressure and forward suction immediately behind a rapidly moving vehicle
slipstream ('Vall-strem') n (1899): a flow of air or liquid astern of a vehicle
slip-up ('Vall-op') n (1854) 1: MISSTEP 2: MISCHANCE
slip up vi (1909): to make a mistake : BLUNDER
slipware ('slip-war-, -wer' n (1883): pottery coated with slip to improve or decorate the surface
slip-way (-waj' n (1800): an inclined run. concrete surface, for a ship being built or repaired
slit n [*MBS* fr. French] (12c): a long narrow cut or opening — *slits* pl
slit-ad = *slit-beg* ('Vall-lot ad)
slit vt dict; slit-thr [MBE *slizen*; akin to MHG *slizzen* to slit, ORG *slizan* to tear apart, OE *aecell* shell — more at STRUT] (14c) 1: to make a slit in: b: to cut off or away: SEVER: c: to form into a slit 2: to cut lengthwise narrow strips — *slitters* n
slitted ('Vall-thrt) vb [*MBS* *slidren*, fr. OE *slidrion*, freq. of *slidan* to slide; cf. *slide*]; *slitter* n [*MBS* *sliden*, fr. OE *slidian*, freq. of *slidan* to slide]: to slit or slice like a snake 1: to make a slit 2: to cut
slithery ('Vall-the-re) adj (ca. 1825): having a slippery surface, texture, or quality
slit trench n (1942): a narrow trench cap. for shelter in battle from bomb and shell fragments
sliver or Vail-var, r fragment 'ad-a' n [MBE *slivere*, fr. *sliven* to slice off, fr. OEB *silvan* *'Vill-*i-van], *'Vill-i-van* to cut] (14c) 1: a long slender piece cut or torn off: SPINDLE. 2: a small particle — more at LIVEN
o I PARTICULAR SCRAP (not a ~ of evidence) 2: an unfinished strand or rope of textile fiber produced by a carding or combing machine and ready for drawing, roving, or spinning
salver ('Vall-var) vs *'Vall-ver-ed*; salve-ing ('Vall-vor-ing), 'salvo-rin' v's (1605) 1: to cut into slices : SALVERN — vt to become split into shivers
Salvia, silva-plm, silva ('Voll-vital' n [Serbo-Croatian *salvinica*, fr. It. *Siliva*, *silva* plum; akin to Russ *saliva* — more at LIVID] (1855) 1: dry usu. colorless plumb brandy made esp. in the Balkan countries
slob ('Voll'b) n [*Jl slab* mud, coal, slovelty parson] (1851): a heavily or boorishly person — slobber-bash ('Voll-bish) ad + slob-by '-bi ad
slober ('Voll-bar) vs slobbered; slob-ber-ing ('Voll-brig) [MBE *sloberen* to eat in a slovely manner; akin to LG *schoben* to slip] vs slobby vt [*'Vall-*bijz] to saliva dribble from the mouth ; PAOUL 2: to indulge the feelings; dabble without restraint; e.g., to snarl with or as if with dribbling saliva or food — slobber-er '-bar-ar' n
slobberer n (ca. 1755) 1: saliva drooled from the mouth 2: drizzling, sloppy, or incoherent utterance — slobber-y ('Voll-b-j)-re ad

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